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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE TRAN THI DIEU

1. CONGRESSMAN FITHIAN'S OFFICE, AND OTHER, HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT VIETNAM REFUGEE MRS. TRAN THI DIEU, AND HER SON, TRAN DINH NGOC, LOCATED VAYAMA REFUGEE CAMP, SATTAHIP. THIS REFUGEE, WITH HER SON, REPORTEDLY LEFT VIETNAM FOR LAOS IN 1968 AFTER HER HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER WERE KILLED DURING TET OFFENSIVE. PAIR REPORTEDLY ARRIVED THAILAND DURING PERIOD OF GENERAL EVACUATION FROM VIETNAM.

2. ALTHOUGH INQUIRIES RECEIVED IN CONNECTION THIS CASE DO NOT INDICATE THAT MRS. DIEU AND HER SON HAVE CLOSE RELATIVES IN U.S., WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER CASE WARRANTS DISCUSSION WITH INS/CO OF POSSIBLE PAROLE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, WHICH WOULD NOT AFFECT POST'S EXHAUSTED NUMERICAL ALLOCATIONS. CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE STATES THAT DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT A CLAIM TO PAROLE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS HAS ALREADY BEEN MAILED TO EMBASSY.

3. TO ASSIST DEPT. IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH REFUGEE AND PROVIDE STATUS REPORT BY CABLE. KISSINGER

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